

Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee

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MEETING NOTICE

Date: July 25, 2007

Time: 12:00 pm– 2:00 pm

**Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
777 North Capitol St., NE, 3rd Floor, Board Room
Washington, D.C. 20002**

**Lunch will be available for members at 11:30 a.m.*

AGENDA

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- 12:00 1. Call to Order; Public Comment Period, Approval of Minutes, Chair's Remarks**
- 12:05 2. Committee Reports**
- A. Report of the Technical Advisory Committee**
 - B. Report of the Air Quality Public Advisory Committee**
 - C. Report of the Clean Air Partners**
 - D. Report of the Interstate Air Quality Council (IAQC)**
 - E. Report of the Climate Change Steering Committee**
- 12:45 3. PM2.5 Significant Precursors (ACTION)**
- 1:00 4. PM2.5 Planning: SIP or Redesignation Request (ACTION)**
- 1:45 5. EPA's New Proposed Ozone Standard (NAAQS)**
- 1:50 6. Ozone Season Summary**
- 1:55 7. State Air Agency Reports**
- 2:00 8. Date for Next Meeting and Adjourn**
Next Meeting: October 24, 2007



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Item: 1. Public Comment, Approval of Minutes, Announcements, Chairman's Report

Presenter: Hon. Nancy Floreen, MWAQC Chair

Description:

After the public comment period, Chair will call for approval of Meeting Summary for May 23, 2007, and for amendments to the agenda.

Recommended Action:

Approve minutes

Item: 2. Committee Reports

- **Report of the Technical Advisory Committee**
 - **Cecily Beall, Chair**
- **Report of the Air Quality Public Advisory Committee**
 - **Jill Engel-Cox, Chair**
- **Report of the Clean Air Partners**
 - **Harriet West, Chair**
- **Report of the Interstate Air Quality Council (IAQC)**
Jim Sydnor, Air Director, VDEQ
- **Report of Climate Change Steering Committee**
Nancy Floreen, Chair, CCSC

Item 3. PM2.5 Significant Precursors

Presenter: Sunil Kumar, Senior Environmental Engineer

Description:

EPA's PM_{2.5} implementation rule requires that state air agencies make a determination of the significance of PM_{2.5} pollutants/precursors for SIP planning purposes, including requirements for motor vehicle emission budgets for use in conformity. PM_{2.5} precursors include NO_x, SO₂, PM direct, ammonia and VOC. All of these precursors must be included in the base year inventory, and EPA has determined that NO_x, SO₂ and PM direct are significant and must be included in the SIP. The other precursors are considered insignificant unless the states' determine otherwise. Staff will present the Technical Advisory Committee's recommendations on which precursors will be considered significant for planning in the Washington region.

Recommended Action:

VOTE to approve

Materials:

Memo: PM_{2.5} Precursor Significance Determination

Item: 4. PM2.5 Planning: SIP or Redesignation Request

Presenter: Joan Rohlfs, Chief, Air Quality Planning

Description:

Staff will review the PM2.5 standards and the requirements for the region. The region's monitors show attainment of the PM2.5 annual standard, so the regions may choose to request redesignation to attainment. Staff will outline the planning options and present the issues involved with the different options available. The deadline for the PM2.5 annual SIP is April 5, 2008.

Recommended Action:

VOTE on planning options

Materials:

Memo: PM2.5 SIP Options

Power point presentation

Item 5. EPA's Proposed New Ozone Standards

Presenter: Jeff King, Environmental Planner

Description:

On June 20, 2007, EPA proposed to strengthen the national ambient air quality standards for ground level ozone, the primary component of smog. The Clean Air Act requires EPA to review the national ambient air quality standards every five years to determine if the standards are sufficiently protective of public health. EPA's proposal would revise both the primary standard for ozone designed to protect human health; and the secondary standard, designed to protect vegetation and crops. Staff will present EPA's proposed new ozone standards. Public comments on the revised standards are accepted until mid-September.

Recommended Action:

Briefing

Materials:

Summary of EPA's Proposed Ozone Standards

Item 6. Ozone Season Summary

Presenter: Jennifer Desimone, Environmental Planner

Description:

Staff will brief MWAQC on the summer's air quality, the number of Code Orange Days and new procedures for getting air quality forecasts and data. Both the COG website and the Clean Air Partners website have been upgraded to include the latest forecasts and real time data from monitors in the region.

Recommended Action:

Briefing

Materials:

Ozone Season 2007 Summary